

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

The ISBC is holding a Virtual Dog Show in memory of Gaye O'Connor who sadly passed away recently. All proceeds will be donated to the charity supported by her family. The entry fee is £1.00 per dog via PayPal and will close on Tuesday, 24th November 2020 at midnight. More details can be found at https://isbc.org.uk/isbc-online-dog-show-2020/?fbclid=IwAR0efWzzOD5UJrzL7qmvFGjSMISnFZURmPi7H_7puWz4VE_L579zM6Z7aXI

There were no Championship shows scheduled for last weekend so I will finish my notes on the 'T' litter.

June Coates never bred a Show Champion of her own by Troy but she did breed another from his dam Musbury Melisande Of Twoacres. Mated to Sh Ch Wendover Ballymoss in 1972 she produced Sh Ch T Wayward Caesar who was owned by Carolyn and Gordon Hogsflesh.

Judy Russell gave him his first ticket at Leeds in 1975 with the RCC going to Sh Ch Cornevon Lovebird. He had to wait two years for his second which was at Border Union in 1977 from Eleanor Scott-Gentles. RCC that day was Sh Ch Cornevon Westerhuy's Dream.

He didn't have to wait long for his third which came from Val Wade at SKC. Val awarded the RCC to Sh Ch Allsquare Micky Finn.

He continued to win CCs until his last at Driffield in 1980 from Chris Heron. His tally was 11 CCs and 5 RCCs.

I mentioned his Show Champion Wickenberry offspring in my notes of 12th October but he also had a very successful mating to Judy Russell's Sh Ch Ballywestow Keysoe.

Sh Ch Ballywestow Petite Etoile was owned by Dave and Angie Williams and won 5 CCs and 1 RCC.

Val Wade's Sh Ch Ballywestow Persimmon Of Oldestone was the winner of 3 CCs and 2 RCCs and Judy's own Sh Ch Ballywestow Pawneese won 3 CCs and 3 RCCs. Mated to Night Fever she became the mother of Sh Ch Ballywestow Borealis (5 CCs, 7 RCCs).

From a Troy mating to Sh Ch Cornevon Cinderella June kept a bitch, Solace Of Twoacres, who won 1 CC from Mrs A Nicholson at Belfast in 1973; Sh Ch Greenglades Golden Dream was RCC. In turn Solace was mated to Wendover Treasurer which resulted in Sh Ch T Gold Eagle aka Jasper.

Jasper was owned by Eric Armstrong but handled by Peter Armstrong of no relation to him.

He won 4 CCs and 5 RCCs. His first was at National Gundog in 1984 when Jim McKenna was the judge. Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr of Fearnley was Reserve. Jimmy Cudworth gave him his second at Belfast later that year when Sh Ch Clonageera Tarka took the Reserve. Shortly afterwards at the ISAE Olwen Hunt made him up. Sh Ch Corriecas Gideon was RCC.

I wrote last week about Stephanie and Stephen Wood having lost their Reddins Falcon at the age of 11 ½.

Ranger was bred in January 2009 by Jim and Priscilla Smith out of their Reddins Bobbin J.W. by Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. He won his one CC from Jim Cuddy at Belfast & DISC in 2013; Sh Ch Riqitta Authentic took the Reserve. Ron Budgell awarded him the RCC at SOEISC later that year when Sh Ch Harvancourt Harlem at Jacingail was awarded the CC. Jock MacKay had previously given him the RCC at Bath in 2011 behind Gwendariff Mr Noticeme JW.

A litter sister, Reddins Frolic Among Amberlight won the RCC at Boston in 2015 from Ann Wood and another later that year from Val Foss at ISAE. In 2012 she had taken the CC at Setter and Pointer when Alister Watt judged.

Whilst Stephanie won well with Ranger she is better known as the owner and handler of Sh Ch Sowerhill Sahib, Night Fever's sire.

The matings between Sh Ch Wendover Jeeves and Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarah were very successful producing not only Kyle but also Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarong Of Kingscott (3 CCs, 2 RCCs) and Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr Of Fearnley (31 CCs, 11 RCCs). Another sibling, Sowerhill Sarabelle, won 2 RCCs.

Having won RCCs in 1978 from Margaret Cordwell at NGA and in 1979 from Olwen Hunt at Bath and Michael Boothroyd at Paignton, 1980 was to be Kyle's year when he won 5 CCs and 4 RCCs.

At Bath he picked up another RCC from Pat Rhodes behind Sh Ch Brendower Bronze Champagne.

But then Ron Cordwell turned the tables by awarding him his first of 7 CCs at Leeds and gave the RCC to Bronze Champagne.

Marjorie Jarosz judged at SCCA and gave him another RCC behind Sh Ch Jason of Andana at Clonageera but he didn't have to wait long for his second CC when Geoff Coupe was the judge at Paignton. Sh Ch Clonageera Tyrone took the RCC that day.

RCC number six was won at SEISC from Gilbert Leighton-Boyce who had given the CC to Sh Ch Spruce of Andana.

His crowning third was from Barry Rhodes at WKC when Sh Ch Ballywestow Persimmon of Oldestone was Reserve. The next show was Bournemouth where he took his fourth from Violet Yates beating Lynwood Rancher to the top spot. Judy de Casembroot gave him the ticket at Richmond with Glenkerry Highwayman as Reserve.

His seventh and last RCC was won at Midland Counties from Bob Heron whose ticket winner was Sh Ch Clonageera Tarka.

In 1981 Stephanie took him to ISCS under Brenda Levick who gave him his sixth CC, Gewdore Ambassador was Reserve, and at the ISCW Margaret Cordwell awarded him his seventh and final CC. Kyle's place on Irish Setter history is secured as the sire of Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever but he also sired other Show Champions.

Between the years 1981 and 1990 Night Fever aka Mac won 26 CCs and 11 RCCs and his record as a stud dog is legendary. I could write about him for several weeks.

Pat and Jim Rutherford used Kyle on their Sh Ch Clonageera Megan the result of which was Sh Ch Clonageera Genesis. Gem won 3 CCs and 8 RCCs and was himself an influential sire with 51 litters to his credit including six Show Champions as well as CC winners, RCC winners and Junior Warrant winners.

The Rutherfords used him again and exported a dog to the Antipodes who became Aust/NZ Ch Clonageera Summer Magic.

Julie Driver had a bitch called Coaper Jasmin Of Stearnwood who was mostly Wendover bred and was the winner of three RCCs from June Coates, Mary Gurney and Jimmy Cudworth. She put her to Sahib to get her own Sh Ch Stearnwood Clothilde, the winner of 4 CCs and 2 RCCs.

A Little Mate Story from 22 October 2016

So sorry I did not post about MLM catching the train yesterday but the internet connection was rubbish and then I had too many drinks to post coherently.

Anyway, she did catch the train OK and sat down next to me

Me: I'm glad you got on OK, I was a bit worried that you wouldn't

MLM: Of course I was OK, it was never going to be a problem

Me: I did see you fall over that man's suitcase though

MLM: Oh.....

Not to be outdone by this incident, as soon as we got off the train in St Pancras she fell over someone else's, then a woman stopped dead at the top of the escalator and she went crashing into the back of her, and yes, she fell over her suitcase. And then another woman ran her suitcase over MLM's foot.....I give up.

A Little Mate story to cheer us all up; from 25 October 2017

At the show last Saturday MLM volunteers to go and get coffee and something for us to eat. The cafe is upstairs so she decides to take the lift. She presses the button and waits; and waits.

Eventually she hears the 'ping' as the lift arrives.

She opens the door.

And immediately walks into a broom cupboard.

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